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concurrently process data and (2) a plurality of live operator stations with prompting capability, for a plurality of formats, said interface control system comprising:

call data means for receiving signal-represented call data signals relating to said terminals;

selection means for selecting one of said formats under control of said call data means to thereby further specify any defined conditions for a connection of a call or maintaining connection of a call either to said multiple port, multiple format processor or one of said live operator stations, at least one of said formats having at least one specified condition including testing for negative file data indicative of prohibitive use; and

interconnect switch means for providing format data and controlling connections from a calling remote terminal to a port of said multiple port, multiple format processor or one of said live operator stations under control of said selection means.

## REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, claim 1 is amended. Applicant respectfully submits that it is distinct from the prior art asserted by the Examiner in the prior application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fees are due at this time, however the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1636.

Respectfully submitted.

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